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## C A L F O R N A T R E E F R U T A G R E E M E N T

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Mr. Docket Clerk  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch  
Fruit and Vegetable Programs  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
1400 Independence Ave. SW  
Room 2065 South Building, STOP 0240  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Priester:

I would like to make a comment on Federal Register, Volume 67, No 186, Wednesday September 25, 2002.

A Task Force of the California Tree Fruit Agreement conducted a detailed review of the U.S. Grades and prepared recommendations to update the standards. The Peach Commodity Committee, Nectarine Administrative Committee, and the California Plum Marketing Board unanimously approved these recommendations. On May 15, 2000 a letter was sent to the Fresh Products Branch with recommendations for revisions of the U.S. Grades for peaches, plums, and nectarines.

After reviewing the Proposed Rule, I recommend the enclosed revisions be made. Of special concern is the adoption of a 25 fruit minimum sample. It is felt that this is too small a sample to adequately represent the fruit being inspected.

I have followed your format by listing U.S. Grade Revisions for peaches, plums and nectarines with separate justifications for the revisions.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

DALE JANZEN  
Field Director

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